

# DROWNING (POSSIBLE)

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Is patient alert?  
Is patient breathing normally?  
How long was the patient under water?  
Is this a scuba diving accident?  
Has the patient been removed from the water?  
Is the patient on land or in a boat?  
What was the patient doing before the accident?

## **SIMULTANEOUS ALS/BLS**

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Unconscious, not breathing normally.  
Difficulty breathing.  
Scuba diving accident.  
Diving accident (possibility of C-spine injury.)  
Fractured femur (thigh).

## **BLS DISPATCH**

Patient not submerged.  
Patient coughing.  
Other injuries without critical symptoms.  
Minor injury (lacerations/fractures).

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## Pre-Arrival Instructions

Do not attempt to rescue patient, unless trained to do so.  
Do not move patient around  
Gather patient medications, if possible.  
If the patient's condition changes, call me back.  
Keep patient warm.

### Prompts

If unconscious, go to UNCONSCIOUS/BREATHING NORMALLY-AIRWAY CONTROL  
If unconscious, NOT breathing normally, go to CPR for appropriate age group.  
Are boats needed?  
Is SCUBA team needed?

### Short Report

Age  
Sex  
Specific location  
Chief complaint  
Pertinent related symptoms  
Medical/Surgical history, if any  
Other agencies responding  
Any dangers to responding units